

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for continuously updating a printer driver associated with a printer configuration, the steps comprising:

monitoring a key value associated with a registry on a controller upon boot up thereof;

retrieving current printer configuration from ~~a~~ the registry on ~~a~~ the controller in accordance with an output of the monitoring;

accessing ~~an~~ a file external file to the registry containing at least one offset representative of a respective at least one printer attribute;

querying the at least one offset representative of the respective at least one printer attribute relative to the retrieved printer configuration; and

updating a device data file with a data structure containing information about initialization and environment of a printer in accordance with the step of querying; and

communicating the updated device data file to an associated document processing device for use in connection with document processing operations.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of initializing the controller.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of copying the external file containing at least one offset representative of a respective at least one printer attribute to the controller.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the external file is an extensible markup language file.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of packaging the external file on a portable storage medium.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the portable storage medium is packaged during a client build.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the portable storage medium is packaged during a controller build.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the updating a data structure step further comprises updating a private DEVMODE.

9. (Currently amended) A system for automatically updating a printer driver associated with a printer configuration, comprising:

means adapted for monitoring a key value associated with a registry on a controller upon startup thereof;

means adapted for retrieving current printer configuration from a registry on a—the controller in accordance with an output of the monitoring means;

means adapted for accessing an a file external file- to the registry containing at least one offset representative of a respective at least one printer attribute;

means adapted for querying the at least one offset representative of the respective at least one printer attribute relative to the retrieved printer configuration; and

means adapted for updating a device data file with a data structure containing information about initialization and environment of a printer in accordance with the querying; and

means adapted for communicating the updated device data file to an associated document processing device for use in connection with document processing operations.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, further comprising means adapted for initializing the controller.

11. (Original) The system of claim 9, further comprising means adapted for copying the external file containing at least one offset representative of a respective at least one printer attribute to the controller.

12. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the external file is an extensible markup language file.

13. (Original) The system of claim 9, further comprising means adapted for packaging the external file on a portable storage medium.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the portable storage medium is packaged during a client build.

15. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the portable storage medium is packaged during a controller build.

16. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the means adapted for updating a data structure further comprises means adapted for updating a private DEVMODE.

Claims 17-31 (Cancelled)